

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. A method for identifying a plurality of events which are played back
2 simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising the
3 steps of:
 - 4 (a) providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of client
5 apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated therewith
6 and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are adapted to be
7 coupled to a host computer via a network;
 - 8 (b) ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the client
9 apparatuses utilizing the network;
 - 10 (c) comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and
 - 11 (d) beginning the playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses if the
12 comparison renders a match.
 - 1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2 presentation.
 - 1 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes at least one of a
2 movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.
 - 1 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.
 - 1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2 disc (DVD).
 - 1 6. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for
2 identifying a plurality of events which are played back simultaneously on a
3 plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising:

- 4 (a) a code segment for providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a
5 plurality of client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier
6 associated therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client
7 apparatuses are adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;
- 8 (b) a code segment for ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the
9 memory of the client apparatuses utilizing the network;
- 10 (c) a code segment for comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled
11 event; and
- 12 (d) a code segment for beginning the playback of the event on each of the client
13 apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

1 7. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the event includes a video
2 and audio presentation.

1 8. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the event includes at least
2 one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

1 9. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the network is a wide
2 area network.

1 10. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory includes a
2 digital video disc (DVD).

1 11. A system for identifying a plurality of events which are played back
2 simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising:

- 3 (a) logic for providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of
4 client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated
5 therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are
6 adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;
- 7 (b) logic for ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the
8 client apparatuses utilizing the network;
- 9 (c) logic for comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and

10 (d) logic for beginning the playback of the event on each of the client
11 apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

1 12. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2 presentation.

1 13. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the event includes at least one of a
2 movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

1 14. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network is a wide area network.

1 15. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2 disc (DVD).

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